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Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, furnished the following information:

On September 23, 1963, she and MARINA OSWALD left New Orleans, Louisiana, in Mrs. PAINE's station wagon taking with them many of the personal possessions of MARINA and LEE OSWALD. LEE OSWALD loaded the station wagon and remained in New Orleans.

On arriving at the PAINE residence in Irving, Texas, on September 24, 1963, Mrs. PAINE and MARINA OSWALD unloaded the station wagon placing the OSWALD possessions in the attached garage at the PAINE residence. There were two duffle bags which were too heavy for them to remove. They left these in the station wagon and MICHAEL PAINE, husband of RUTH PAINE, moved them into the garage at a later time.

Sometime in October, 1963, after LEE OSWALD had arrived in Dallas, Texas, and about the time he went to work for the Texas School Book Depository, Mrs. PAINE first recalls seeing a package consisting of something in a green and rusty-brown camping-type blanket. This package was about forty-eight inches in length and about eight or nine inches in diameter. It was tied in three or four places with string so that it would not come unwrapped and was tucked in at the ends. When she first recalls it, this package was lying on the floor of the PAINE garage near the workbench and band saw which was against the west wall in the garage. The package was lying flat on the floor and Mrs. PAINE did not pick it up.

Mrs. PAINE cannot definitely account for this package being in her garage but it is her opinion that it was probably with the household goods of the OSWALD's which she brought from New Orleans in her station wagon. She does not believe that she handled this package and does not recall seeing it at the time of the move. She is rather definite that she did not pick up such a package and put it in her garage and if this package was in her station wagon, she believes that either MARINA OSWALD

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moved it into the garage or that it was in one of the duffle bags which were too heavy for her and MARINA to move. She stated that there is a possibility that LEE OSWALD might have brought the package into her garage after returning to Dallas in the early October, 1963, but if this were true, she does not know where he could have stored it prior to this time and knows that he did not bring this package with him when he first came out to the PAINE residence after returning to Dallas.

Mrs. PAINE advised that at no time did she ever have a discussion with MARINA OSWALD about LEE OSWALD owning a gun, in fact, she recalls that on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, when officers of the Dallas Police Department and Dallas County Sheriff's Office contacted her at her home, they asked her if LEE OSWALD owned a gun. She told them no, but that most of OSWALD's possessions were in her garage. By this time, they had moved into the garage area and Mrs. PAINE translated the question about the gun in Russian to MARINA OSWALD, at which time MARINA indicated that OSWALD did own a gun. This was the first time that Mrs. PAINE had heard anything about OSWALD having a gun. MARINA then indicated the blanket-wrapped package described above as having the package containing LEE OSWALD's gun. At this point, Mrs. PAINE was standing on this package in her garage. She moved off of it and the police picked the package up noting it was limp and contained no gun. The package was not unwrapped at the PAINE residence but was taken by the police as evidence.

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